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## **Ag in the Classroom Announces Bookmark Contest Winners**

Twelve Wyoming students were selected as winners of Wyoming Agriculture in the Classroom's Annual Bookmark Contest.

The Wyoming Department of Agriculture and the Wyoming Board of Agriculture judged over 500 artistic bookmarks and narrowed the field down to twelve winners and five honorable mentions. The contest is held in recognition of National Agriculture Week and is open to all fourth and fifth grade students in Wyoming. To honor the winners, WAIC will be holding an Awards Presentation on May 2, 2006 at the Wyoming State Capitol. Governor Freudenthal, Wyoming Department of Agriculture Director John Etchepare, and all of the elected officials have been invited to honor the students at this special ceremony. The students, as well as their families and their teachers, are invited to this prestigious event.

WAIC is a nonprofit organization that was incorporated in 1987 for the purpose of developing an understanding about the importance and the values of agriculture and its role in maintaining and improving the environment, economy, and quality of life. The Agriculture Bookmark Contest is one of the many programs that WAIC has developed to promote agriculture awareness for Wyoming students.

The bookmark contest is sponsored by the Wyoming Department of Agriculture, Wyoming Beef Council, Wyoming Wheat Association, Wyoming Wheat Commission and Wyoming Farm Bureau Federation. The winning bookmarks will be distributed across the state at elementary schools, public libraries, businesses, and agriculture expos. For more information about the contest or to display these bookmarks, please contact Sarka White with Wyoming Agriculture in the Classroom at [swhite@state.wy.us](mailto:swhite@state.wy.us) or (307) 777-6618.

### **Bookmark Winners**

"Sheep Keep Warm with Wool"; Student's Name: **Kayla McKee**; Parents' Names: Pat and Monette McKee; School: Henderson Elementary, Cheyenne; Grade 4; Teacher's Name: Mr. Hubka

"Ag, It's What Ewe Do"; Student's Name: **Shannon Horn**; Parents' Names: Blaine and Joann Horn; School: Clear Creek Middle School, Buffalo; Grade 5; Teacher's Name: Mr. Harvey

"Wool Doesn't Just Keep Sheep Warm"; Student's Name: **Shania Rich**; Parents' Names: Rod and Heidi Rich; School: Douglas Intermediate School; Grade 4; Teacher's Name: Jeanie Marso

"Beef: A Treat to Eat"; Student's Name: **Matthew Jarrett**; Parents' Names: Ben and Stacey Jarrett; School: Encampment Elementary; Grade 4; Teacher's Name: Mrs. Pam Kraft

"Wool Warms Us"; Student's Name: **Keona Mattern**; Parent's Name: Kristyna Dzurik; School: Encampment Elementary; Grade 4; Teacher's Name: Mrs. Pam Kraft

"Ag Feeds Us All"; Student's Name: **Brett Miller**; Parents' Names: Cody and Georgia Miller; School: Encampment Elementary; Grade 4; Teacher's Name: Mrs. Pam Kraft

"Wyoming Has Wheat that Can't be Beat"; Student's Name: **Jade Swanson**; Parent's Name: Cindy Swanson; School: Pioneer Park, Cheyenne; Grade 4; Teacher's Name: Mr. Heath

"Ag Gives us Grain"; Student's Name: **Triston Williams**; Parents' Names: Scott Williams and Debra Long; School: Encampment Elementary; Grade 4; Teacher's Name: Mrs. Pam Kraft

"Sugar Beets Help Make Treats"; Student's Name: **Rebecca Treat**; Parents' Names: Kevin and Annette Treat; School: Encampment Elementary; Grade 4; Teacher's Name: Mrs. Pam Kraft

"Farming for Fuel"; Student's Name: **Trilby Applequist**; Parents' Names: Marvin and Jennifer; School: Farson-Eden School; Grade 5; Teacher's Name: Jennifer Applequist

"Feeding us all Wyoming Beef"; Student's Name: **Nichole Ferguson**; Parents' Names: Karen and Stoney Ferguson; School: Meadowlark Elementary, Buffalo; Grade 4; Teacher's Name: Mrs. Boyce

"Any Brand of Beef is a Treat"; Student's Name: **Michelle Hooker**; Parents' Names: George and Susan; School: Encampment Elementary; Grade 4; Teacher's Name: Mrs. Pam Kraft

This year's honorable mentions went to **Dominic DeAngelo** of Henderson Elementary in Cheyenne; **Courtney Sober** of Douglas Intermediate School in Douglas; **Emily Miranda** of Douglas Intermediate School in Douglas; **Slade Sheaffer** of Indian Paintbrush Elementary in Laramie; and **Tony Menghini** of Hobbs Elementary in Cheyenne.

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